

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1018
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Linda G. Collins, Ed.D., of Mt. View Elementary School upon her selection as Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools' Elementary Principal of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educational leaders who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Linda G. Collins, Ed.D., is one such estimable educational administrator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Linda Collins was born and grew up in Nashville, and attended Cockrill Elementary School and Cohn High School; her father, Howard Greer, worked until his retirement at the Metropolitan Nashville Water Filtration Plant; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Collins earned her bachelor's degree in 1970 at Middle Tennessee State University and her master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction at University of Northern Colorado in 1977; she completed further study in Supervision and Administration at Peabody College of Vanderbilt University and Trevecca University, and in 1990, she received her Doctor of Education degree in School Administration and Educational Leadership from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, from 1971 to 1991, Dr. Collins served as a Classroom Instructor at Stratton Elementary, Woodmont Elementary, and Julia Green Elementary Schools; she then served as Assistant Principal at Lakeview Elementary School for the 1991-92 school year; and

WHEREAS, Linda Collins was Principal of Berry Elementary School from 1991 until 1999, and since 1999, Dr. Collins has served with acumen and alacrity as Principal of Mt. View Elementary School in Antioch; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Collins has recently been selected as Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools' Elementary Principal of the Year, an honor most befitting her tenure as a principal, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many lives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Linda Collins is an extremely talented and compassionate administrator who has worked assiduously throughout her career in education to motivate her students, teachers, and staff to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Dr. Collins has received many honors and awards throughout her meritorious career, including the Golden Apple Award and Elementary Principal of the Year in 1997; she was named Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools' Elementary Teacher of the Year for 1990-91, and she was the recipient of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce's Excellence in Education Award in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Collins truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues, faculty, staff, and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Linda Collins is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her family; she and her husband, Walter, have been married for thirty-eight years and have one daughter, Rachel, and an adorable granddaughter, Emmie; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Collins epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated principal who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Dr. Linda Collins of Mt. View Elementary School on being chosen as Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools' Elementary Principal of the Year for 2007, commend her exceptional service to the students and schools of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.